



**Mary Fallin**  
Governor

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OKLAHOMA SECRETARY  
OF STATE

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
EXECUTIVE ORDER 2017-25**

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I, Mary Fallin, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, pursuant to the power vested in me by Section 2 of Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution hereby declare the following:

1. A geothermal well located on Pawhuska Public Schools property has purged natural gas creating a public emergency beginning August 14<sup>th</sup> and continuing in Osage County.
2. The Oklahoma Water Resources Board has issued an order to plug the leaking geothermal well.
3. Having been advised and informed by the Oklahoma Secretary of Energy and Environment there may be a need to take actions to protect the lives and property of citizens being currently impacted by this public emergency, there is hereby declared a State of Emergency in order to protect the public's peace, health and safety.

This declaration may be amended as conditions warrant.

4. It may be necessary to provide for the rendering of mutual assistance among the State and political subdivisions of the State with respect to carrying out emergency functions during the continuance of the State of Emergency pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Emergency Management Act of 2003.
5. State agencies, in responding to this State of Emergency, may make necessary emergency acquisitions to fulfill the purposes of this proclamation without regard to limitations or bidding requirements on such acquisitions.
6. The State Emergency Operations Plan has been activated and resources of all State departments and agencies available to meet this State of Emergency are hereby committed to the reasonable extent necessary to protect lives and to prevent, minimize, and repair injury and damage. These efforts shall be coordinated by the Director of the Department of Emergency Management with comparable functions of the federal government and political subdivisions of the State.
7. This Executive Order shall terminate at the end of thirty (30) days.

Copies of this Executive Order shall be distributed to the Director of Emergency Management who shall cause the provisions of this order to be implemented by all appropriate agencies of state government.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed at Oklahoma City, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of August 2017.

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

  
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MARY FALLIN

ATTEST:

  
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DAVE LOPEZ, SECRETARY OF STATE

